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SUBJ: UN RESTROCTURING - MEETING OF "FRIENDS"

- 1. AT SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING, THE "FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN" AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO DRAFT A CONSENSUS TEXT. THE ROUGH SCHEDULE IS FOR THE FRIENDS TO MEET SEPTEMBER 6-9 (WITH LIKELY SPILLOVER INTO THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12), THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MEET AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND THE FINAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GA VIA ECOSOC IN EARLY NOVEMBER.
- 2. IN ORDER TO PERMIT GROUPS TO REFLECT ON THE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN SECTION 8 (SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES), THE FRIENDS AGREED TO WORK INITIALLY ON THE BRACKETED PASSAGES IN THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REVISED DRAFT. THUS FAR SECTIONS 1 (GENERAL ASSEMBLY), 3 (OTHER FORA) AND 4 (REGIONAL COOPERATION) HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BUT WITH MINIMAL SUCCESS IN REMOVING BRACKETS. THE CHAIRMAN HAS DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 2 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(ECOSOC) IN HOPES THAT SOMEONE WILL COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

3. COMMENT: CHAIRMAN DADZIE IS OBVIOUSLY PUSHING THE FRIENDS TO WIND UP THEIR WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ANY EVENT, THE RESUMED 31ST UNGA (SEPTEMBER 13-16) AND THE OPENING OF THE 32ND UNGA (SEPT 20) SEVERELY CURTAIL

THE TIME AVAILABLE. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT LITTLE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN THE SECTIONS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW UNTIL THE MAJOR ISSUES IN SECTION 8 ARE RESOLVED AND THE SHAPE OF THE OVERALL PACKAGE BECOMES CLEARER. WE HAVE NO INDICATION AS YET OF ANY CHANGE IN THE EC-9 POSITION. FINALLY, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT ANY DELEGATION WILL TABLE A PROPOSAL ON ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES. LEONARD

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